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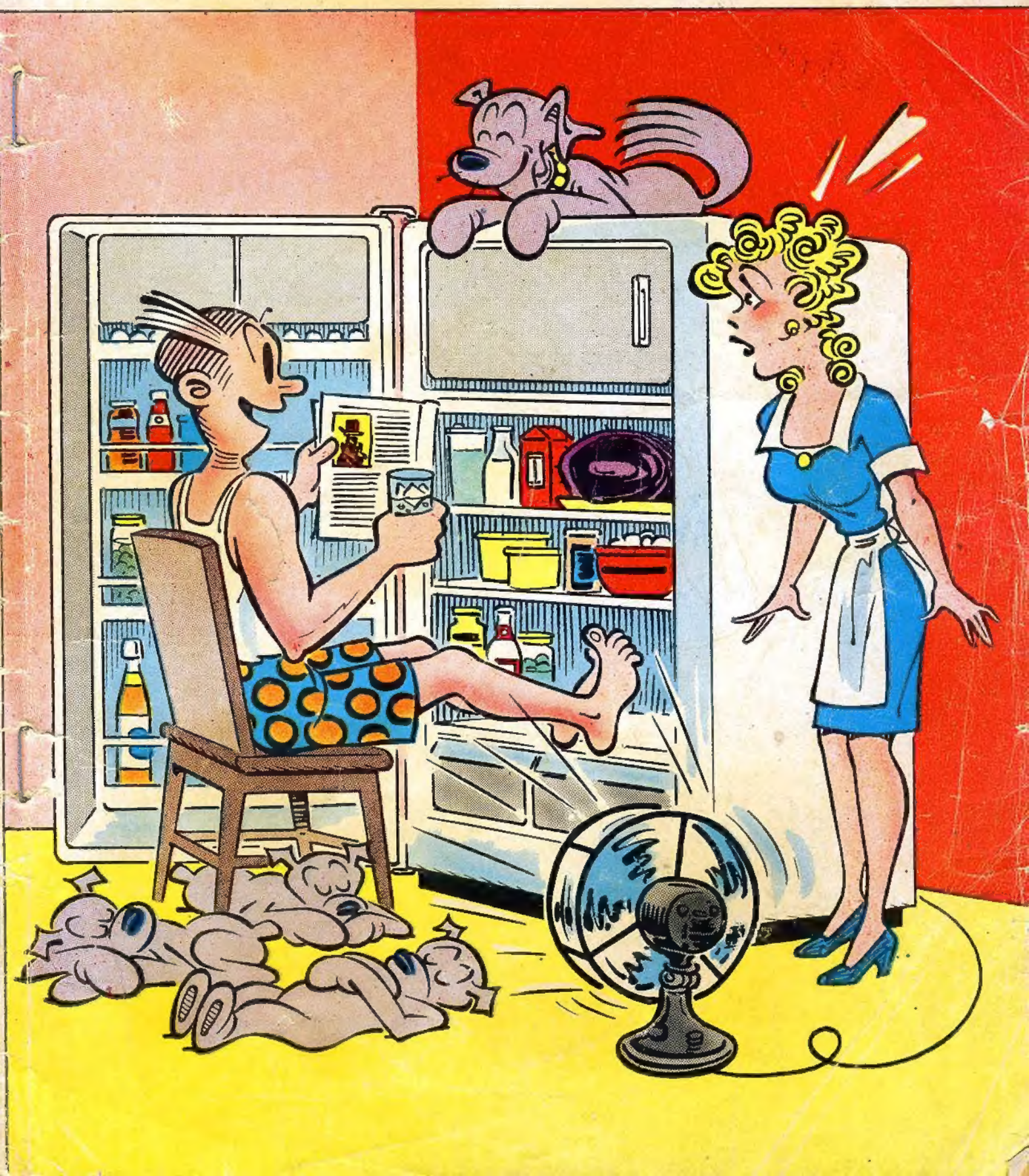

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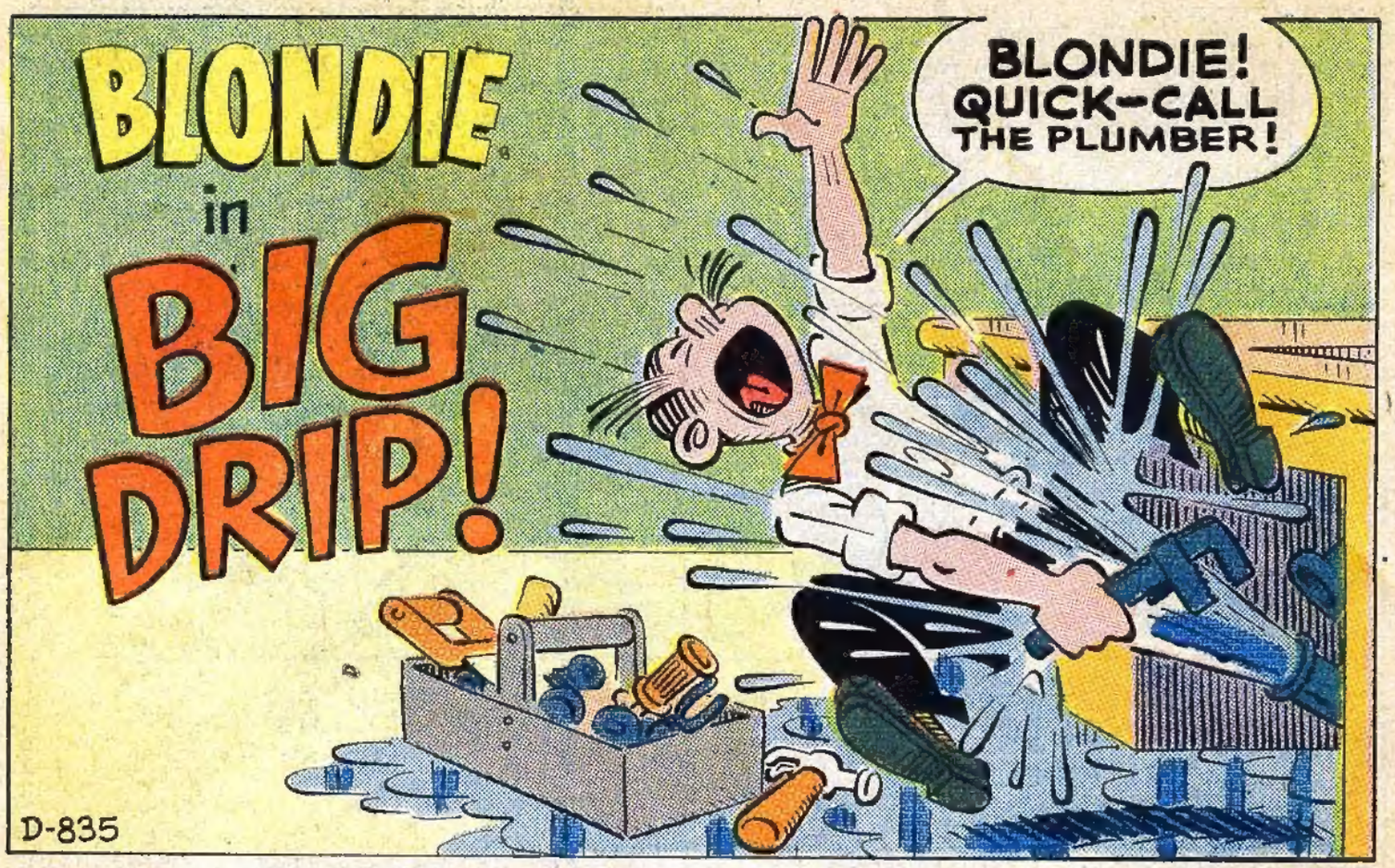

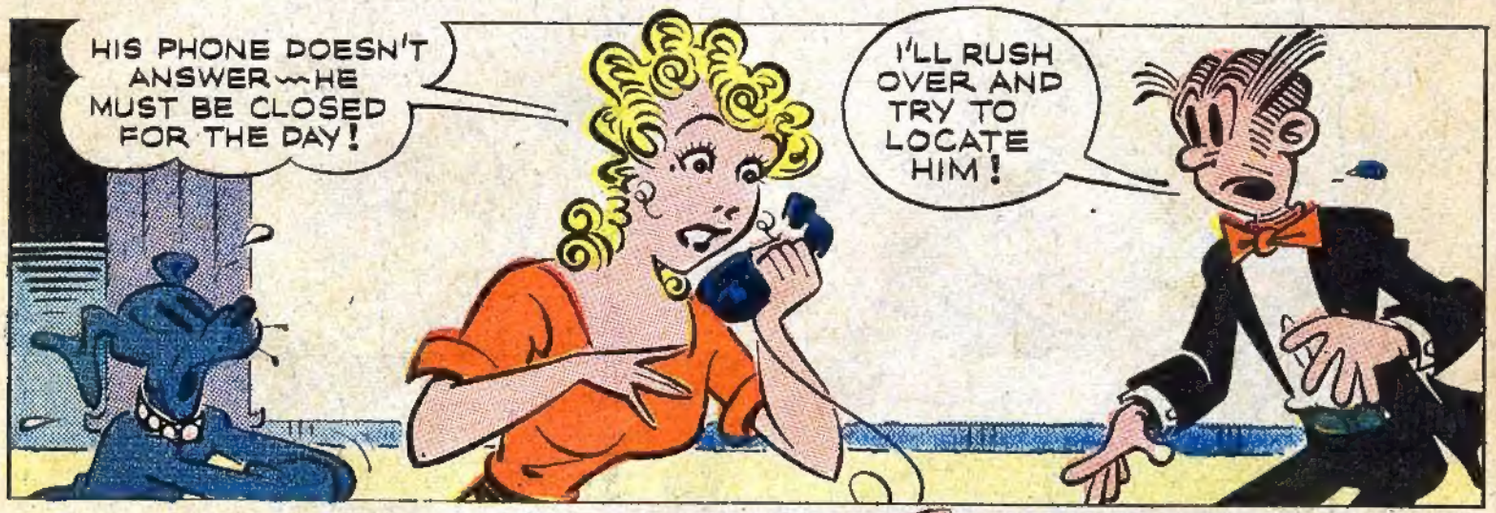

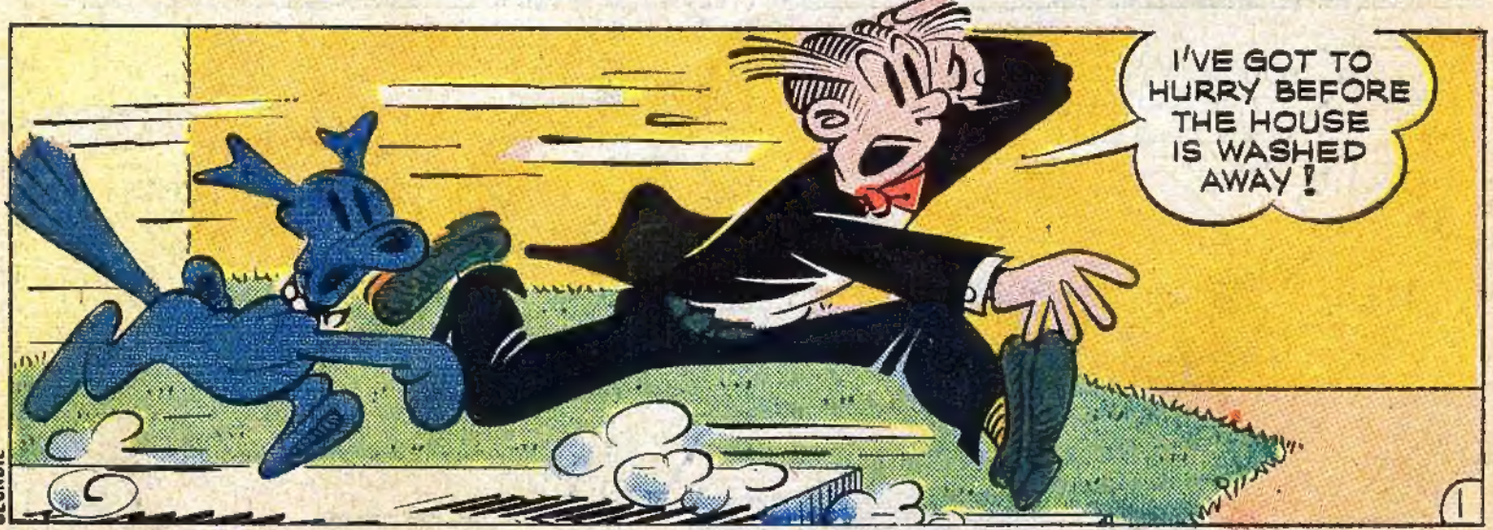

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PLEASE, MR. NUGGLES, PLEASE COME... OUR KITCHEN IS BEING FLOODED!
YOU WOULD SHOW UP RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF CHOPIN'S CONCERTO IN E MINOR!
PLEASE COME, PLEASE....MY HOUSE WILL FLOAT AWAY!
I CAN'T PLAY THIS ANY FASTER...IT'S WRITTEN IN VERY SLOW TEMPO!
PLAY! PLAY! GET IT OVER WITH!
I AM PLAYING... I HAVE A FOUR BAR REST...ONE TWO...
YOU DON'T HAVE TO PUT THAT BIG LONG ENDING ON IT!
THE ENDING'S THE MOST IMPORTANT PART!
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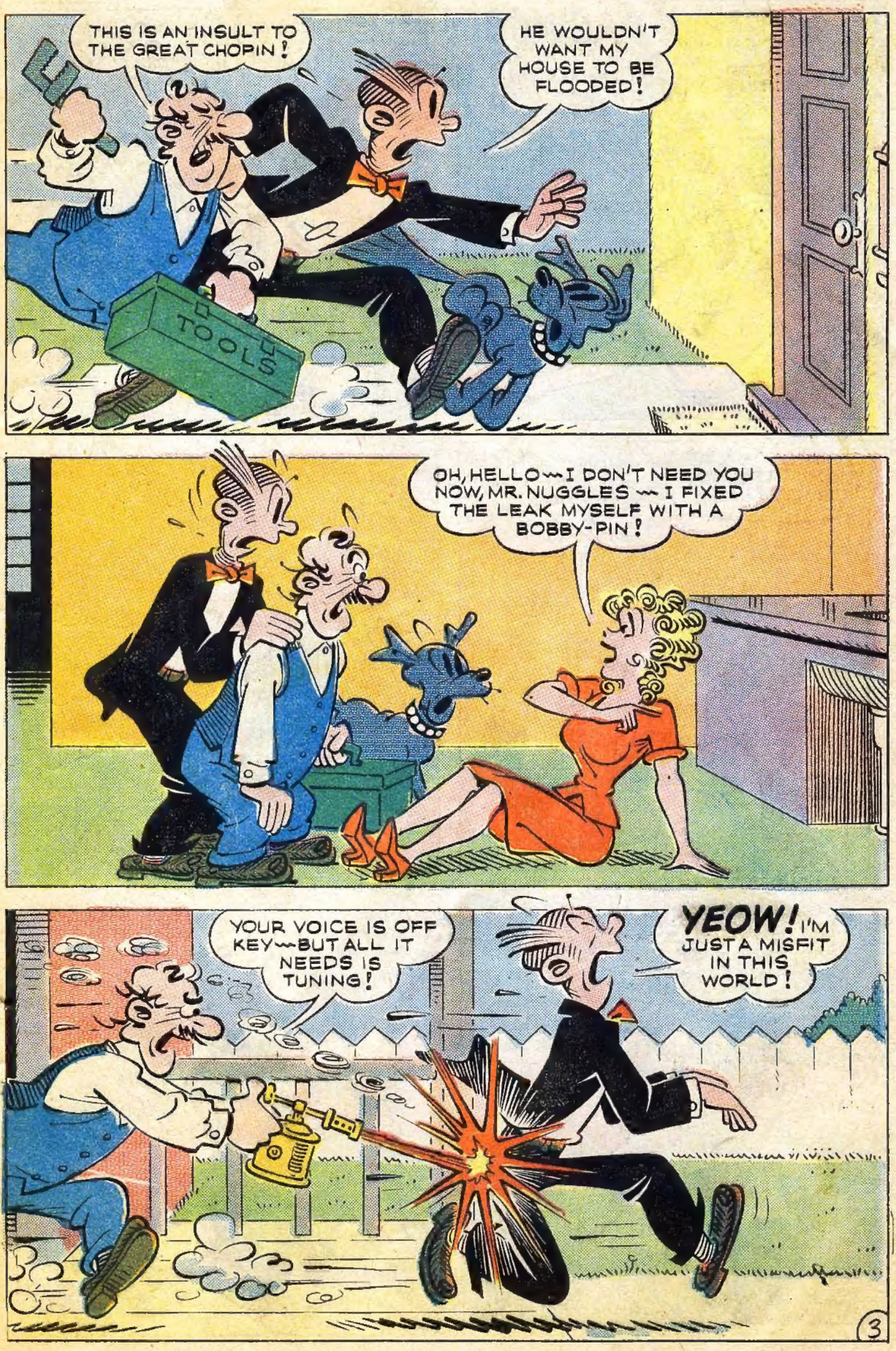
THIS IS AN INSULT TO THE GREAT CHOPIN!
HE WOULDN'T WANT MY HOUSE TO BE FLOODED!
TOOLS
OH, HELLO — I DON'T NEED YOU NOW, MR. NUGGLES — I FIXED THE LEAK MYSELF WITH A BOBBY-PIN!
YOUR VOICE IS OFF KEY — BUT ALL IT NEEDS IS TUNING!
YEOW! I'M JUST A MISFIT IN THIS WORLD!
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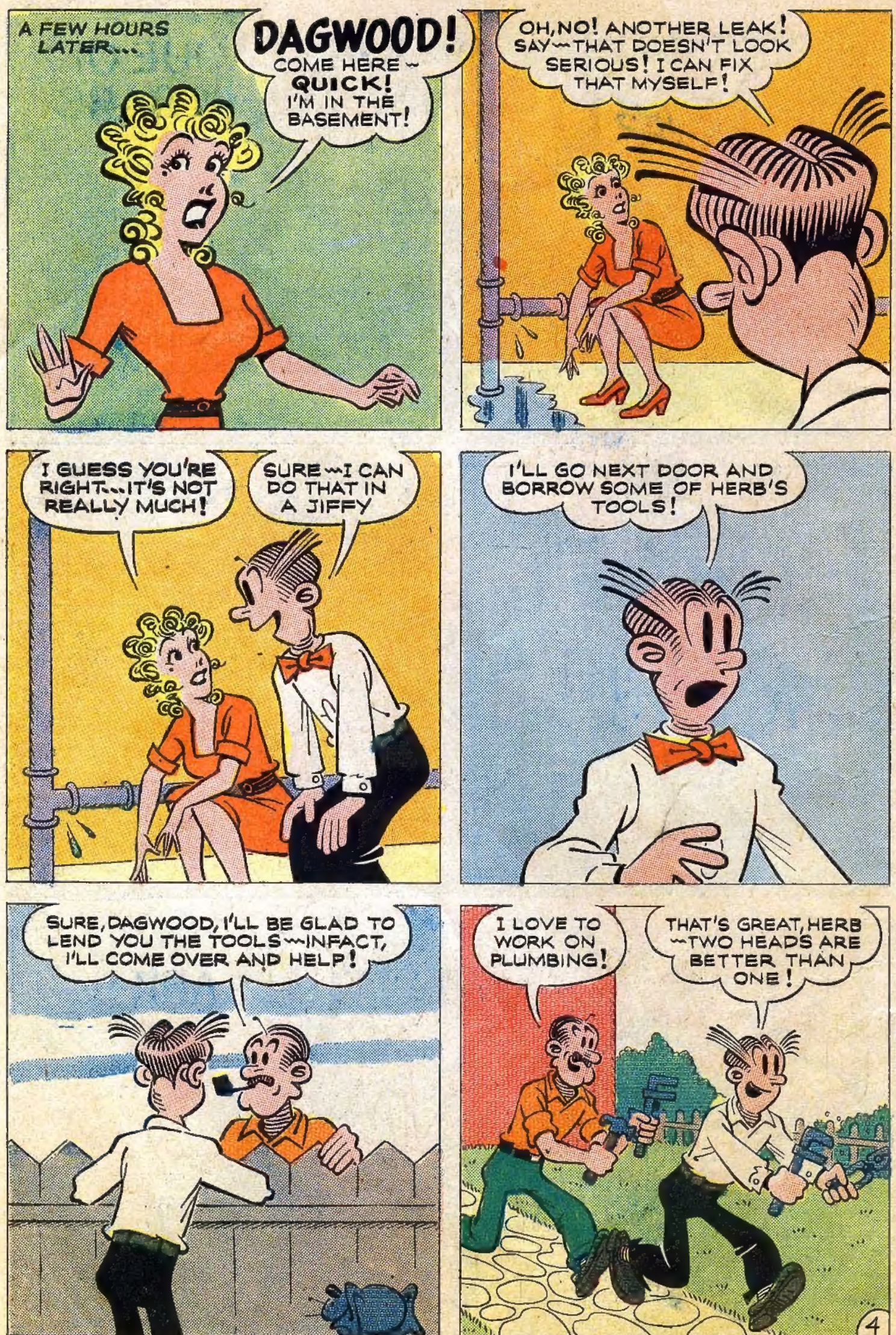
A FEW HOURS LATER...
DAGWOOD! COME HERE ~ QUICK! I'M IN THE BASEMENT!
OH, NO! ANOTHER LEAK! SAY ~ THAT DOESN'T LOOK SERIOUS! I CAN FIX THAT MYSELF!
I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT ~ IT'S NOT REALLY MUCH!
SURE ~ I CAN DO THAT IN A JIFFY
I'LL GO NEXT DOOR AND BORROW SOME OF HERB'S TOOLS!
SURE, DAGWOOD, I'LL BE GLAD TO LEND YOU THE TOOLS ~ INFACT, I'LL COME OVER AND HELP!
I LOVE TO WORK ON PLUMBING!
THAT'S GREAT, HERB ~ TWO HEADS ARE BETTER THAN ONE!
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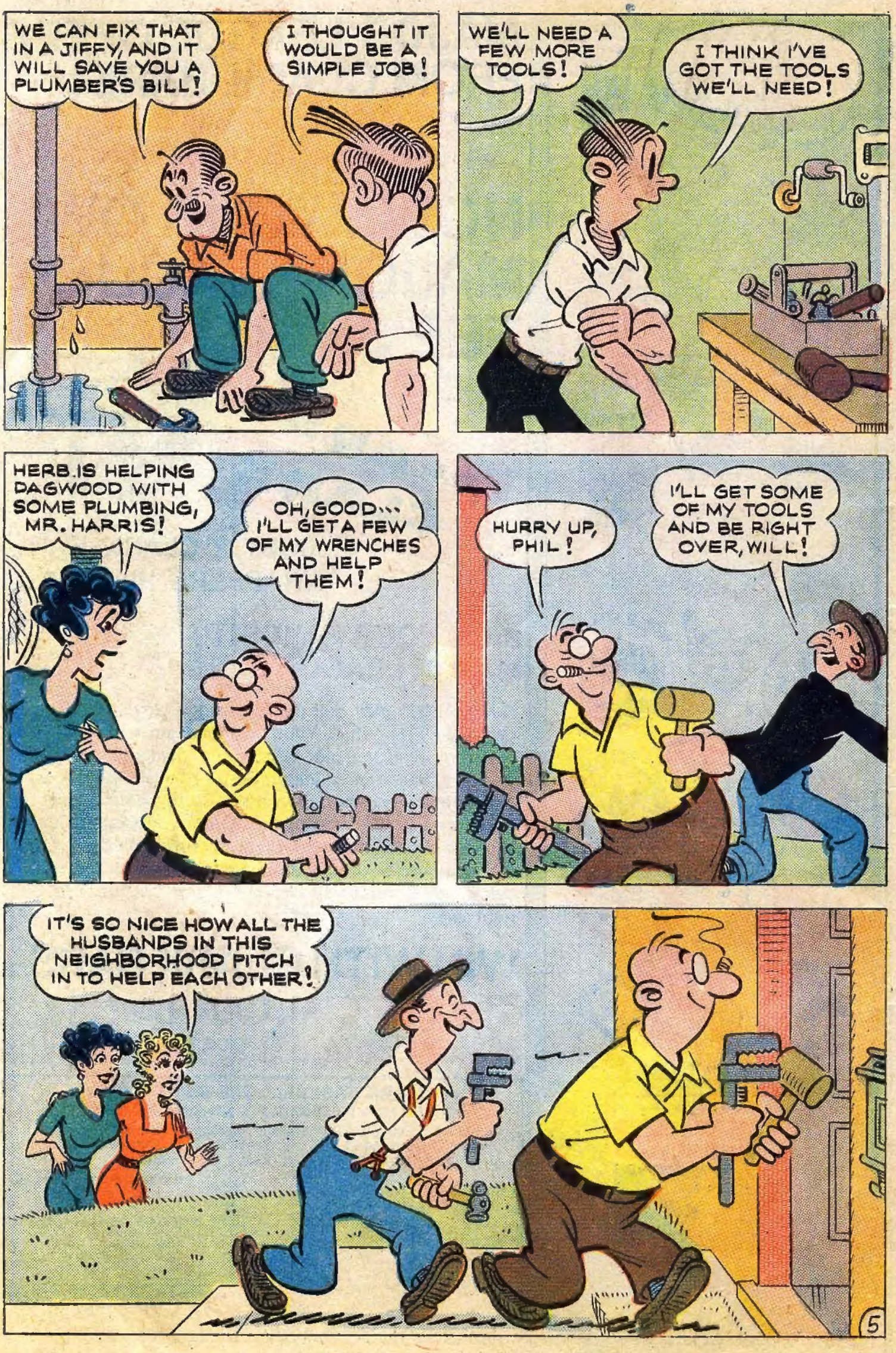
WE CAN FIX THAT IN A JIFFY, AND IT WILL SAVE YOU A PLUMBER'S BILL!
I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE A SIMPLE JOB!
WE'LL NEED A FEW MORE TOOLS!
I THINK I'VE GOT THE TOOLS WE'LL NEED!
HERB IS HELPING DAGWOOD WITH SOME PLUMBING, MR. HARRIS!
OH, GOOD... I'LL GET A FEW OF MY WRENCHES AND HELP THEM!
HURRY UP, PHIL!
I'LL GET SOME OF MY TOOLS AND BE RIGHT OVER, WILL!
IT'S SO NICE HOW ALL THE HUSBANDS IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD PITCH IN TO HELP EACH OTHER!
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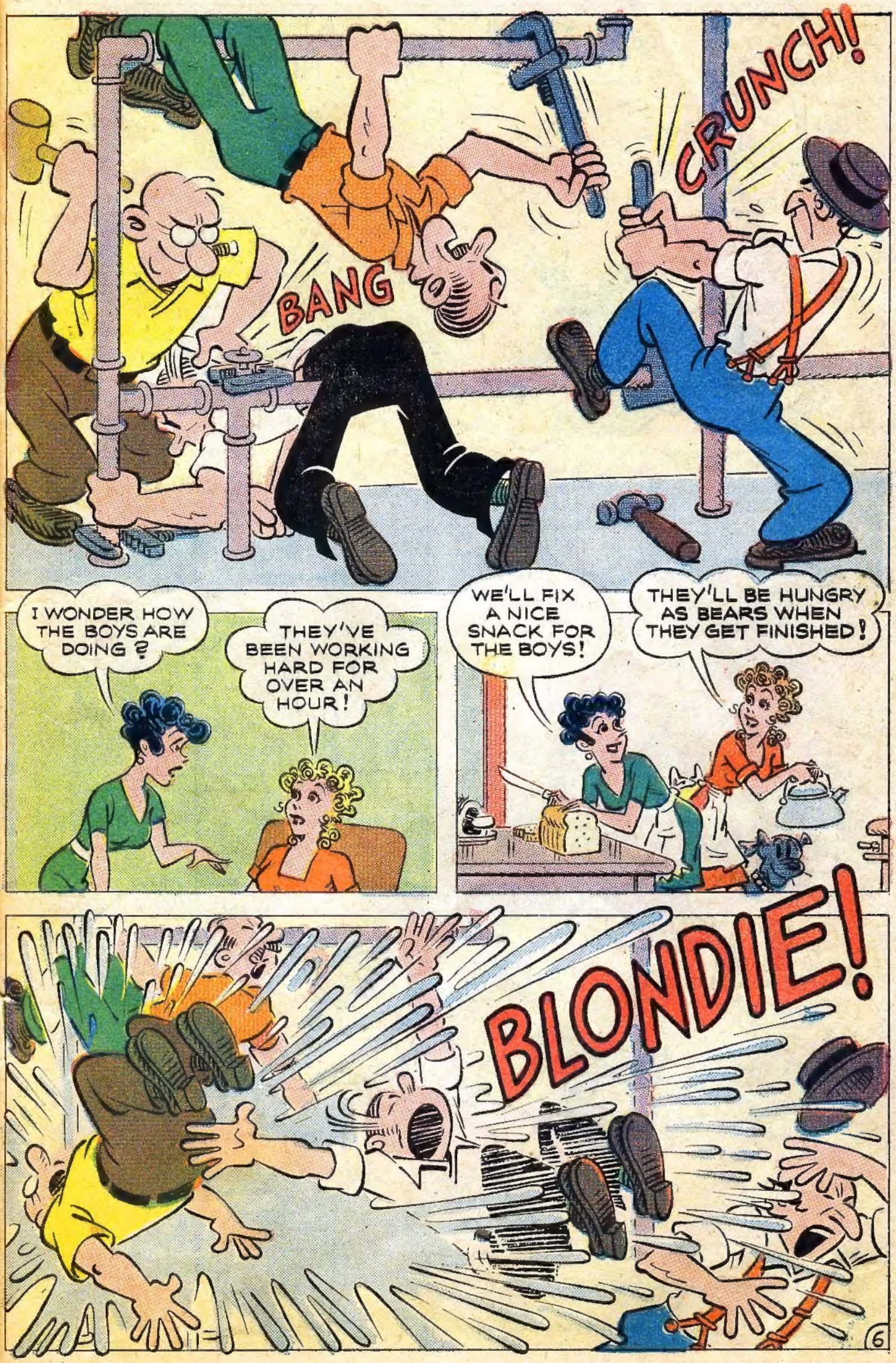
BANG
CRUNCH!
I WONDER HOW THE BOYS ARE DOING ?
THEY'VE BEEN WORKING HARD FOR OVER AN HOUR!
WE'LL FIX A NICE SNACK FOR THE BOYS!
THEY'LL BE HUNGRY AS BEARS WHEN THEY GET FINISHED!
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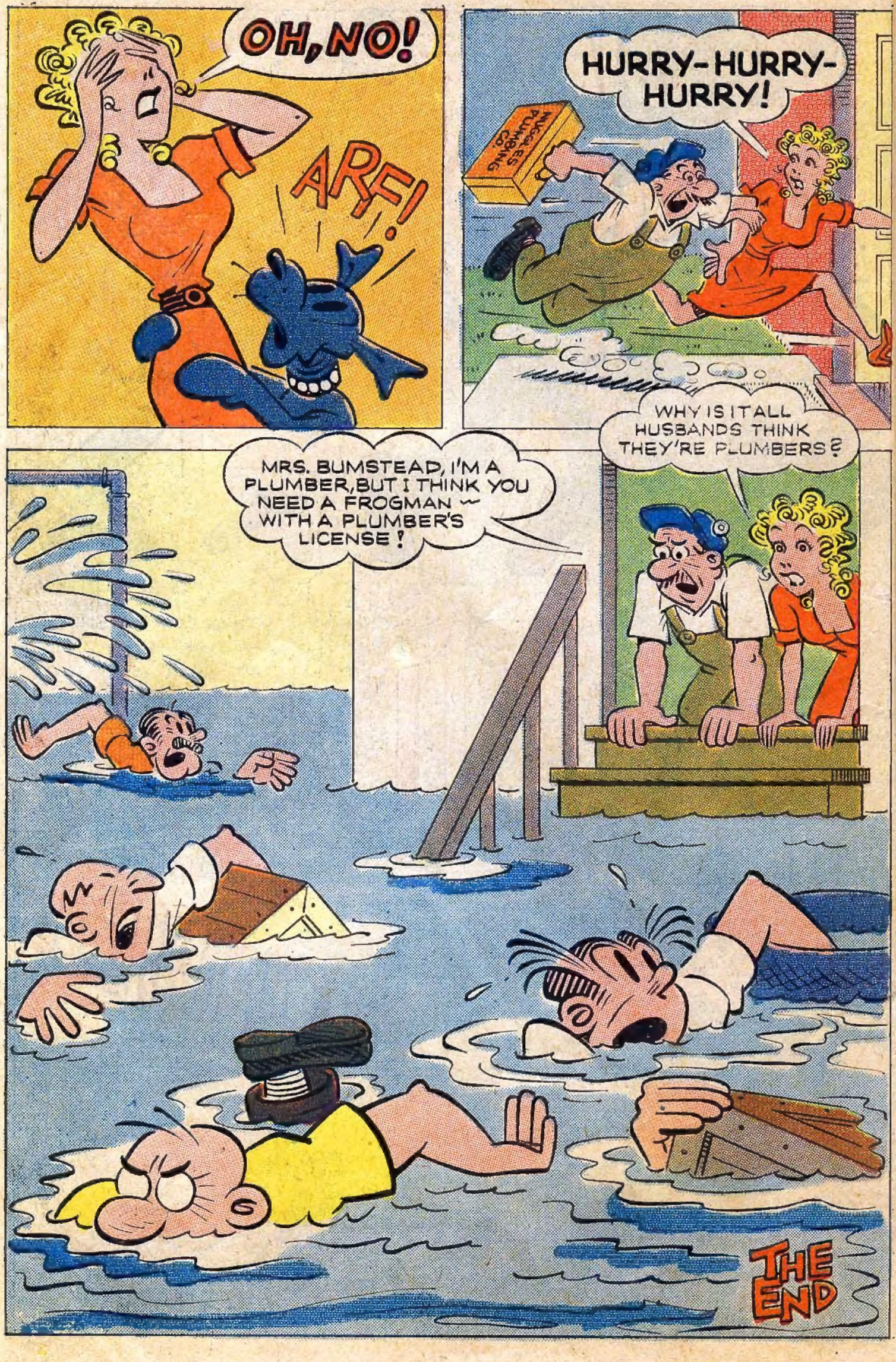
OH, NO!
ARF!
HURRY-HURRY-HURRY!
PLUMBING
WHY IS IT ALL HUSBANDS THINK THEY'RE PLUMBERS?
MRS. BUMSTEAD, I'M A PLUMBER, BUT I THINK YOU NEED A FROGMAN ~ WITH A PLUMBER'S LICENSE!
THE END

BLONDIE
in
HELPING HAND!
DAGWOOD, THERE'S A VERY MYSTERIOUS CRUNCHING SOUND UNDER THE FLOOR BOARDS!
OH?
HMMM!
D-874
IT SOUNDS LIKE TERMITES
DAGWOOD, YOU'RE IN LUCK — MY COUSIN RUMLEY IS STUDYING TERMITE CONTROL!
I'LL PHONE HIM TO COME RIGHT OVER WITH HIS EQUIPMENT — YOU'LL SEE HOW EFFICIENT HE IS!
YOUR COUSIN!? HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

DAGWOOD, MEET MY COUSIN RUMLEY!
HI! HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?
RUMLEY IS DOING THIS FOR YOU FREE .... JUST FOR PRACTICE... YOU LUCKY BOY!
FOR FREE?
LOOK HOW ENTHUSIASTICALLY HE GOES ABOUT HIS WORK! IF THERE ARE ANY TERMITES COUSIN RUMLEY WILL FIND THEM!
DAGWOOD, COME WITH ME AND LOOK UNDER THE BASEMENT STEPS!
WHAT?
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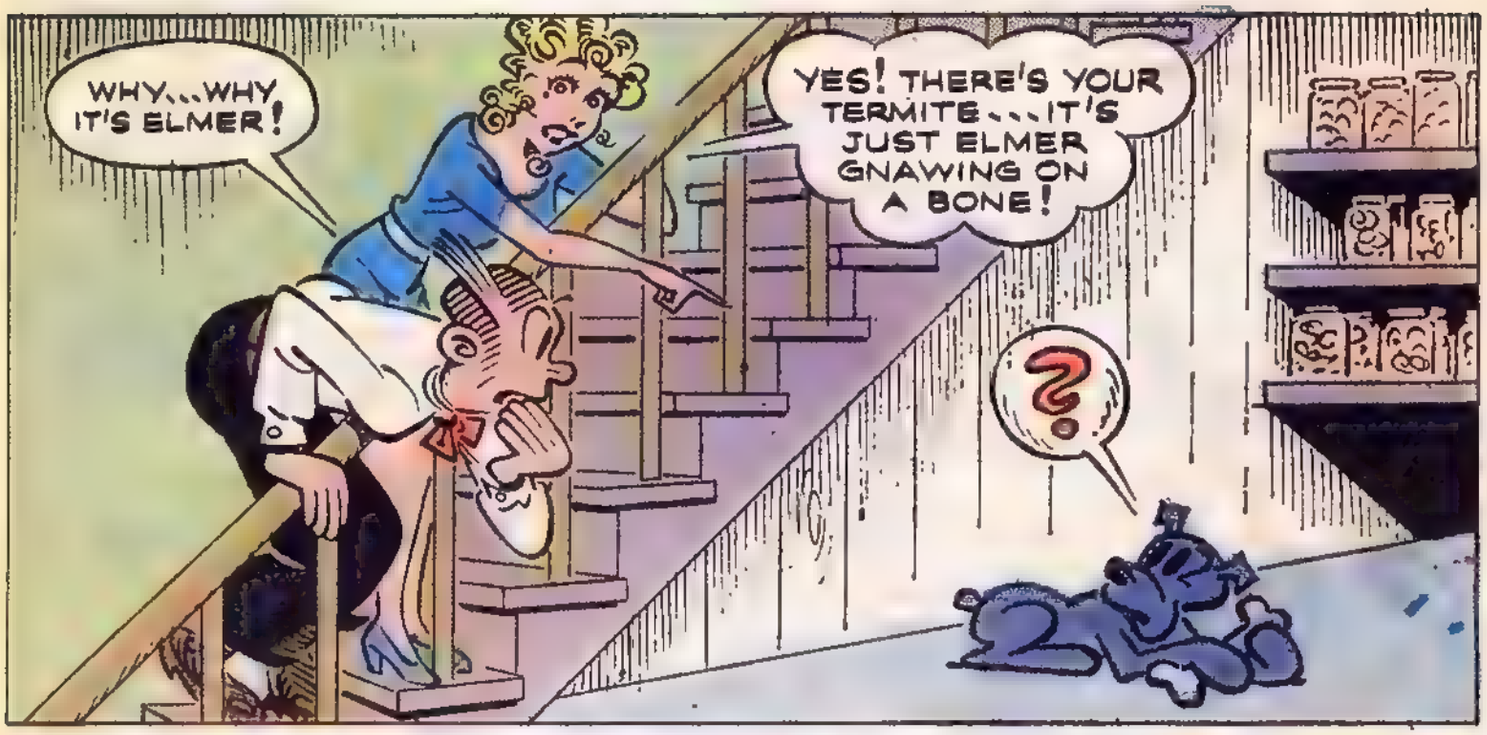
WHY...WHY IT'S ELMER!
YES! THERE'S YOUR TERMITE...IT'S JUST ELMER GNAWING ON A BONE!
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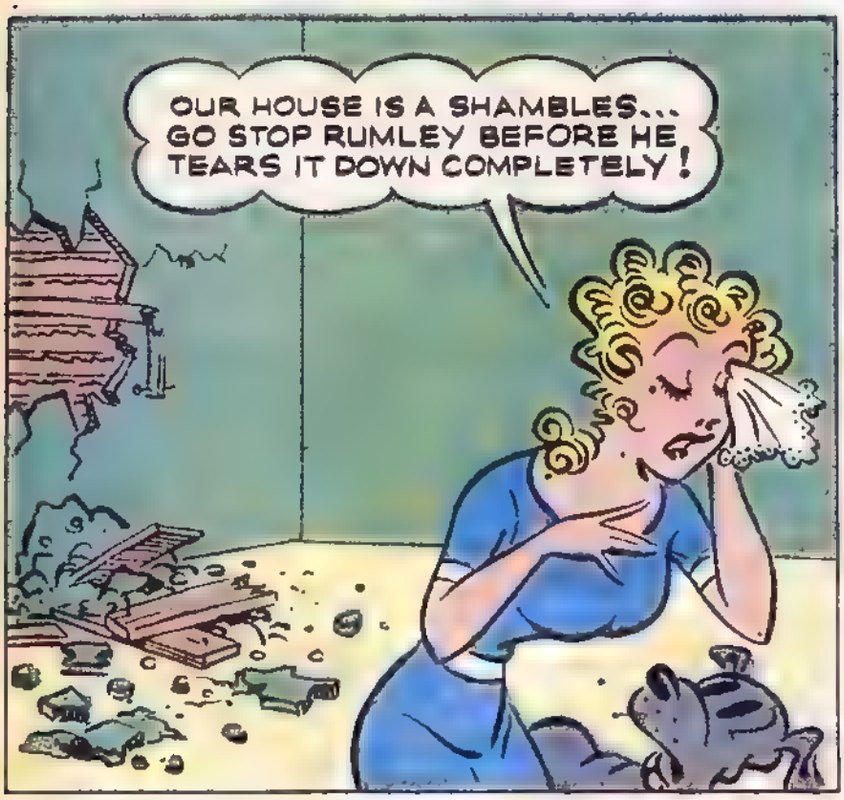
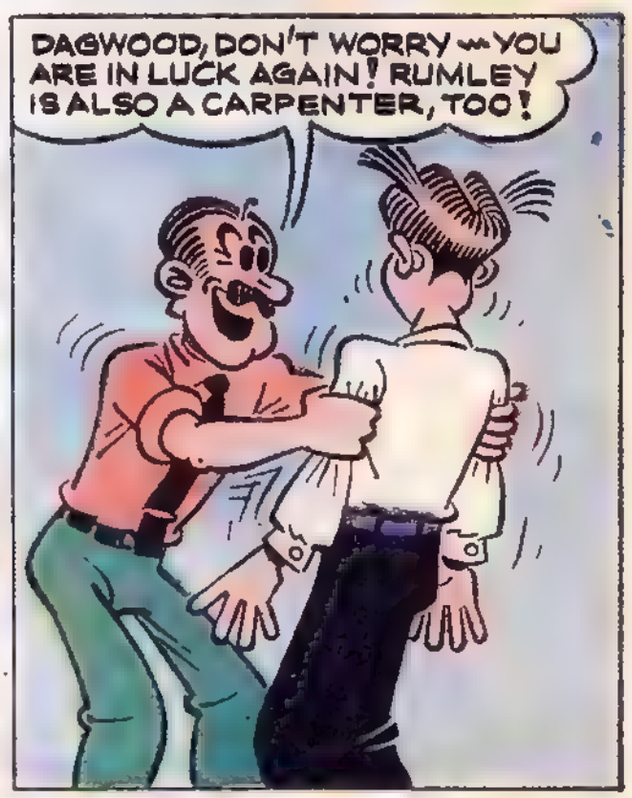
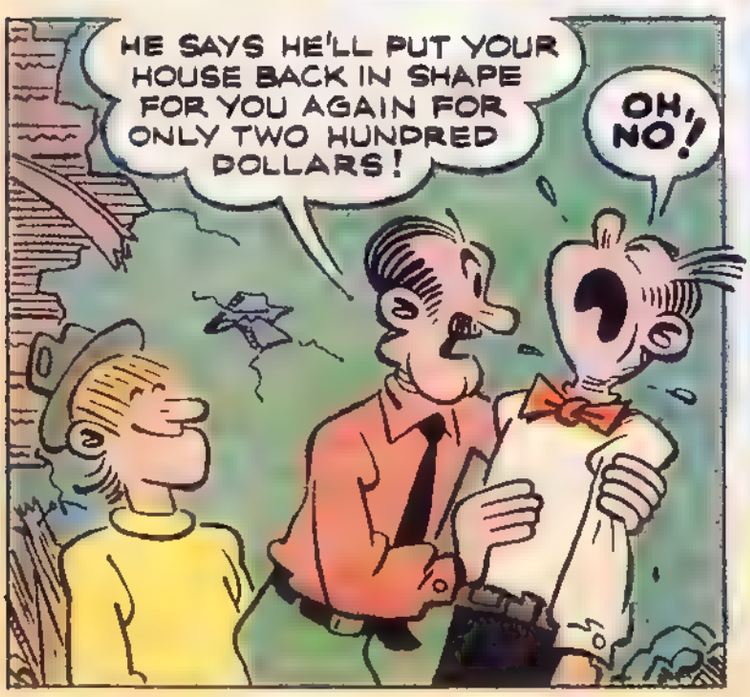
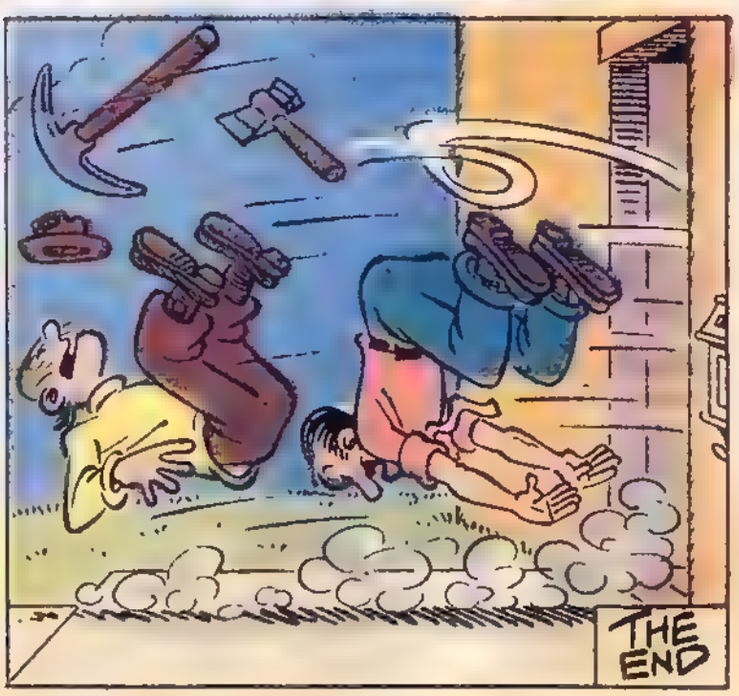

OUR HOUSE IS A SHAMBLES... GO STOP RUMLEY BEFORE HE TEARS IT DOWN COMPLETELY!


DAGWOOD, DON'T WORRY — YOU ARE IN LUCK AGAIN! RUMLEY IS ALSO A CARPENTER, TOO!


HE SAYS HE'LL PUT YOUR HOUSE BACK IN SHAPE FOR YOU AGAIN FOR ONLY TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS!
OH, NO!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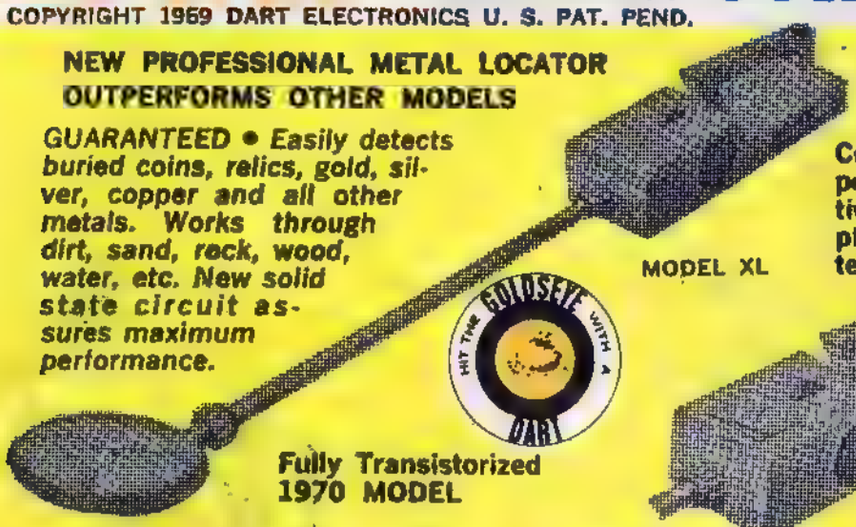

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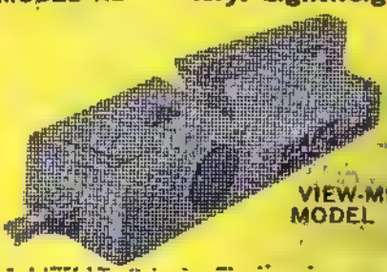

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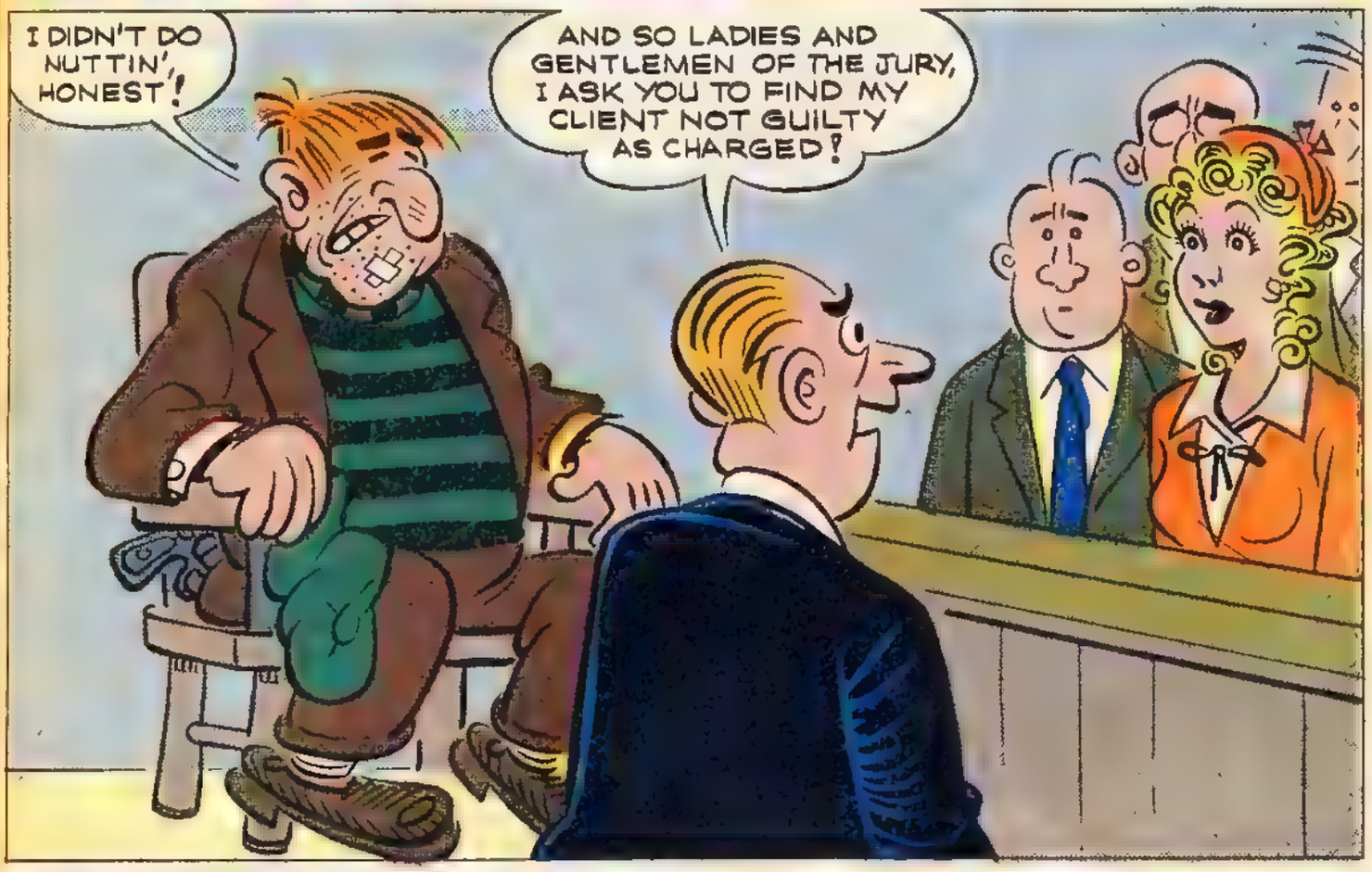

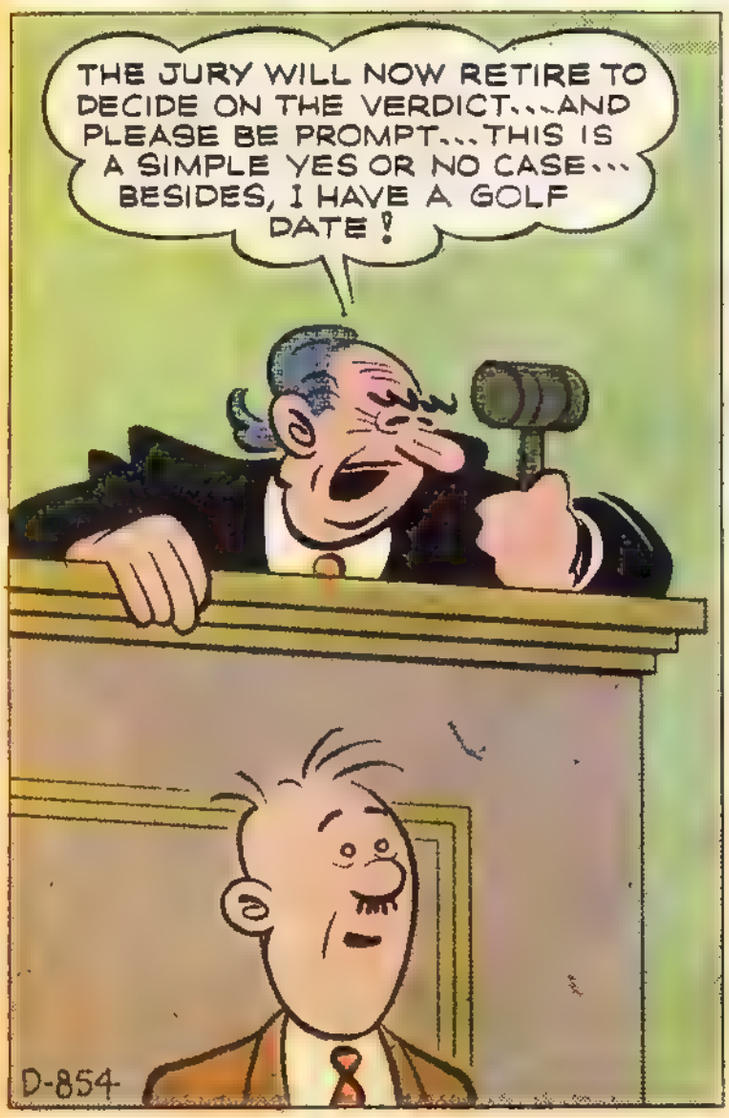
THE JURY WILL NOW RETIRE TO DECIDE ON THE VERDICT...AND PLEASE BE PROMPT...THIS IS A SIMPLE YES OR NO CASE... BESIDES, I HAVE A GOLF DATE!
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ELEVEN FOR GUILTY AND ONE VOTE FOR NOT GUILTY!
THAT WAS ME... I VOTED "NOT GUILTY"... I THINK THE MAN HAS AN HONEST FACE!
PLEASE, MRS. BUMSTEAD, WON'T YOU RECONSIDER AND CHANGE YOUR VOTE?
NO! I'M FIRM!
MAYBE SHE'S RIGHT!
HE COULD BE INNOCENT!
WE WOULDN'T WANT TO SEND AN INNOCENT MAN TO JAIL!
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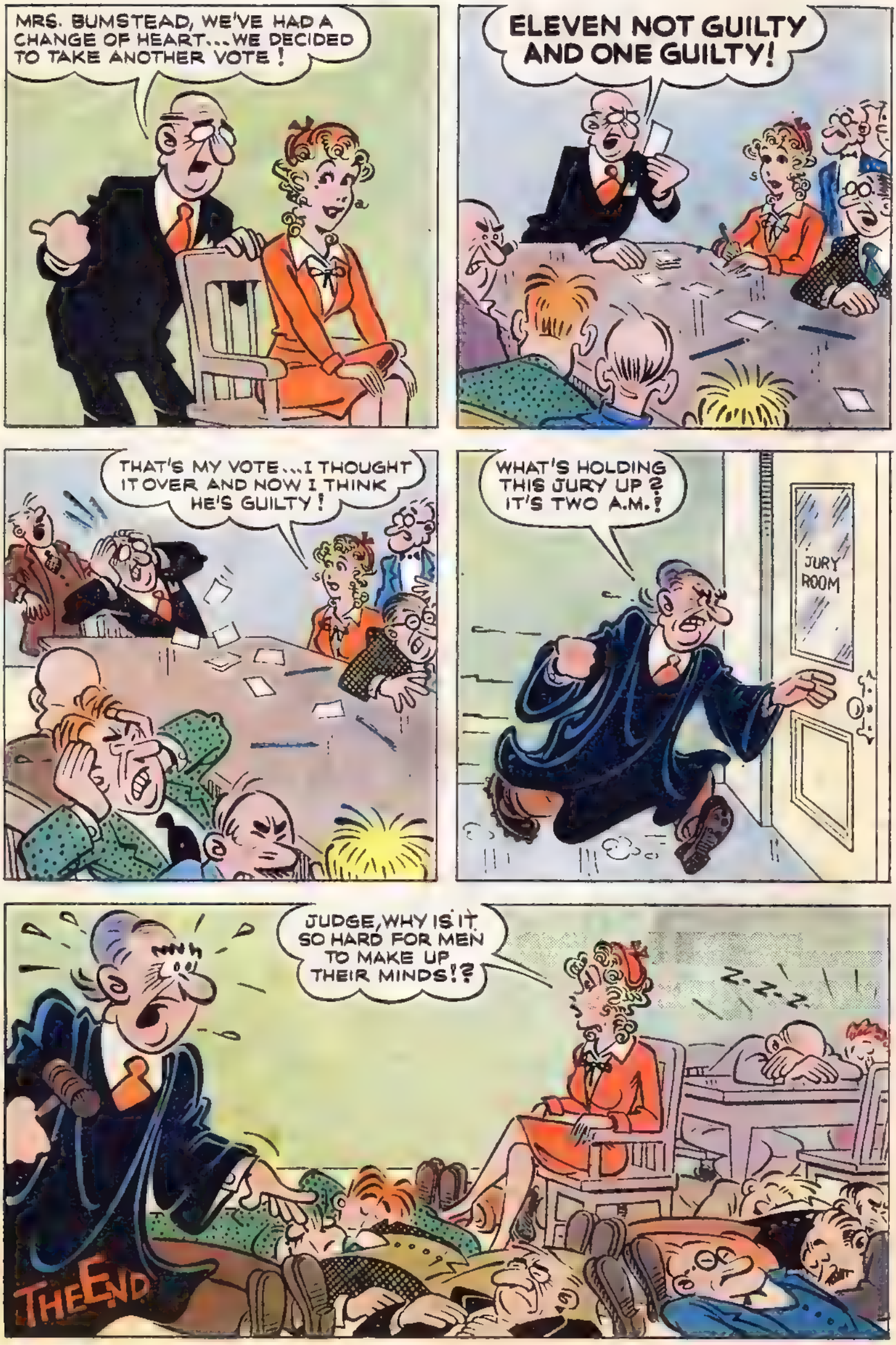
MRS. BUMSTEAD, WE'VE HAD A CHANGE OF HEART...WE DECIDED TO TAKE ANOTHER VOTE!
ELEVEN NOT GUILTY AND ONE GUILTY!
THAT'S MY VOTE...I THOUGHT IT OVER AND NOW I THINK HE'S GUILTY!
WHAT'S HOLDING THIS JURY UP? IT'S TWO A.M.!
JURY ROOM
JUDGE, WHY IS IT SO HARD FOR MEN TO MAKE UP THEIR MINDS!?
Z-Z-Z-
THE END

KIDS: COLOR THE BUMSTEAD'S BACKYARD COOKOUT!

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Laugh a LOT

The Telephone Booth

In my city, the phone company has been putting public phone booths at the corners of certain streets. Comes lunch time and you will find a long line of people waiting for the chance to make a needed phone call. This story took place in a very busy section of our city.

There was a man in the phone booth. Then another person waited outside for him to finish his call. Then a second, and then a third. Until there were some fifteen people, each of them anxious to get a chance to use Mr. Bell's invention.

"Some nerve, he has taking all day to make one call," said an angry woman to the man in back of her.

"Somebody ought to tell that guy he doesn't own the phone," replied this man.

"Why don't you do it, mister? You look big and strong," replied that woman.

So out of line went this strong man. Right up to the phone booth. He looked at the man inside.

"Something is wrong!" he shouted. "That guy isn't saying a word! He isn't even moving! Get a cop!"

So another man got out of that phone line and hailed a passing police patrol car. Told the officer something was wrong inside the phone booth. The officer went to the booth. Looked inside. Sure enough the man wasn't moving even a fraction of an inch.

"If you aren't using the phone," suggested the officer, "Then hang up and let somebody else use it. You aren't talking."

"Me talking?" grinned the man. "You don't know my wife. She's on the other end. Can't get a word in edgewise. You want to speak to her?"

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Insult to Injury

In the early days of automobiles, there was a camaraderie that made your heart feel good. If you got a flat, another motorist stopped to give you a helping hand. If you ran out of gas, somebody would give you the little extra needed to get to the nearest gas station. Of course, that could be miles away. And when you got stuck in the mud road, the farmer-for a small fee-was willing to hitch his horses or mules to your car and pull you out.

But alas, this has changed! We now have car distinction with rivalry and bitterness between any two group. The average car owner fears the little car. "He can creep in and out before I can see him," is the complaint. Together they have a beef against the bus and truck. "Think they own the road. Try to push you over." All have a wary eye on the motorcyclist who at times seems to appear from nowhere at all.

This happened on one of our turnpikes. The small imported sport car with top up, was in back of a big truck. Honking to get that monster out of his way. And very close to him. Suddenly another car shot in front of the truck. The brakes stopped the car short. But the little sport car actually went half under the truck. Fortunately, the driver wasn't hurt. The truck driver came out to survey the scene.

"If you want to get under my car to pass me," he said. "You just can't make it with your top up."

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Old Calendars

This was an auction of unclaimed items. The place was full of people willing to bid on almost anything. Women had come in the hope of getting a bargain in regard to some needed household items. Men had come in the hope of getting anything from a TV set to an adding machine. The auctioneer was friendly and most efficient. But when he came to item 61B he did some explaining.

"Don't ask me how we got this item. It consists of fifty thousand calendars from the year 1959. Not even a beautiful mermaid to adore the months. I know when we are stuck with an item. Who will give me one cent a calendar?"

The people started to all laugh. For what is so useless as an old unused calendar? The auctioneer sensed the mood of the people.

"O.K. so you are laughing. Tell you what I'll do. All those calendars for fifty dollars. The paper is good. Who wants to take them?

"I will," said a feminine voice up front. "I want them."

"Then sold to that most charming female," replied the auctioneer. "And I hope you know what to do with them."

After the auction was over, she handed the checkout clerk fifty dollars in cash.

"You will need a truck to take them away," he told her.

"My truck and a helper are waiting outside," she replied.

A reporter heard her speak. It might make a good news item.

"Would you mind telling me what you are going to do with fifty thousand 1959 calendars?" he asked.

"Not at all," she smiled back at him. "Just think that if ever the year 1959 comes around again, I will have all these calendars ready for sale."

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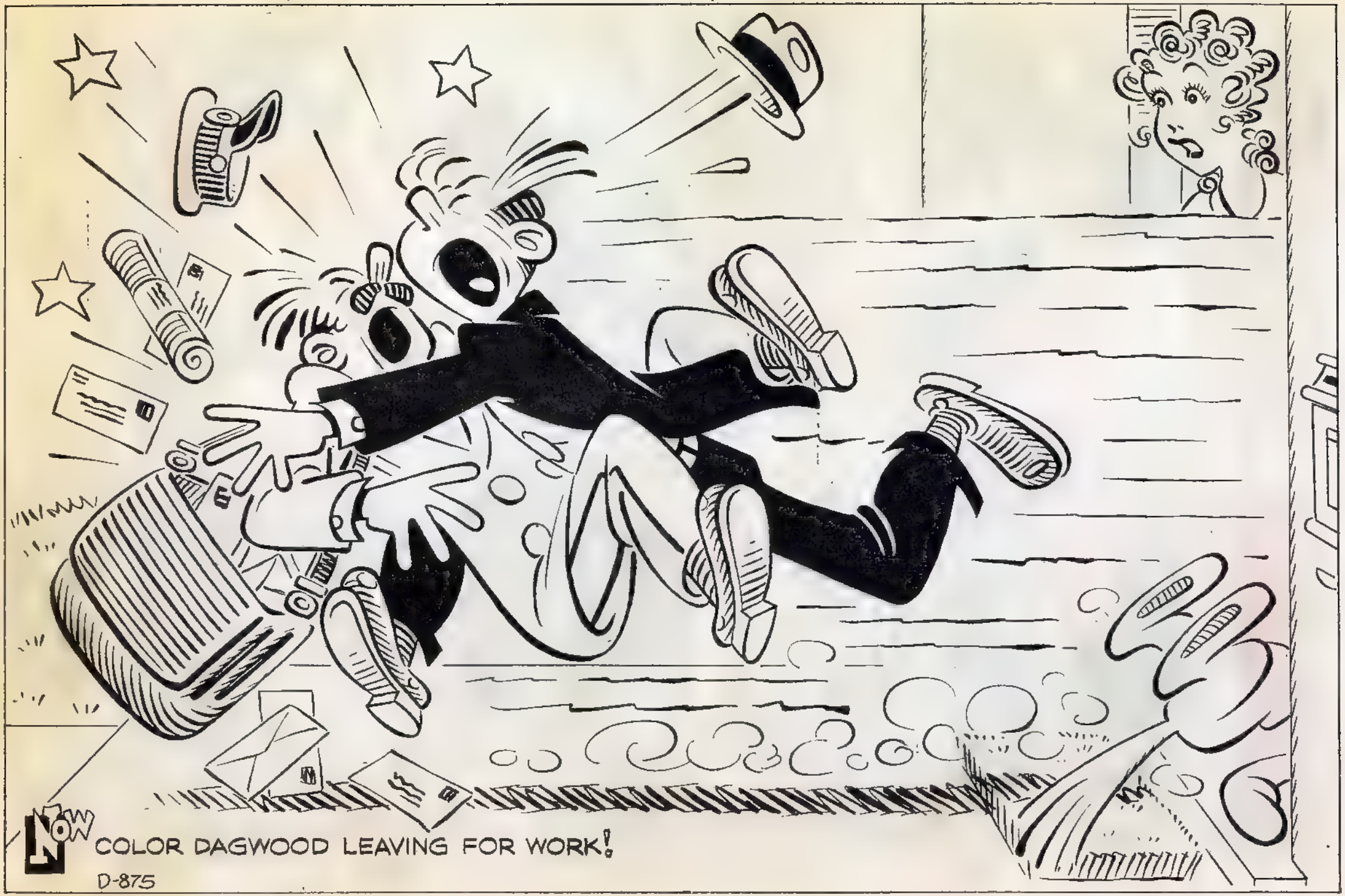

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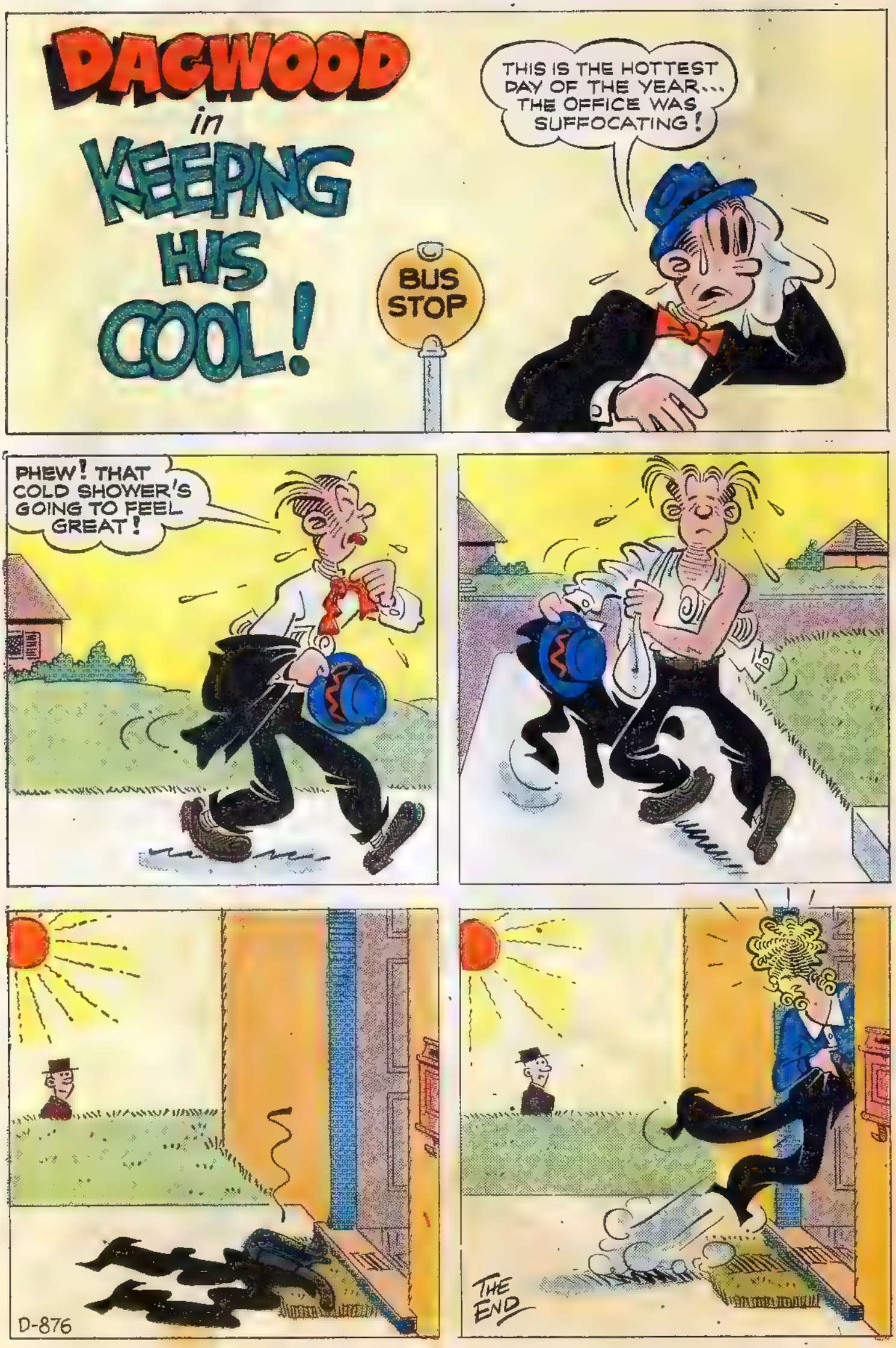
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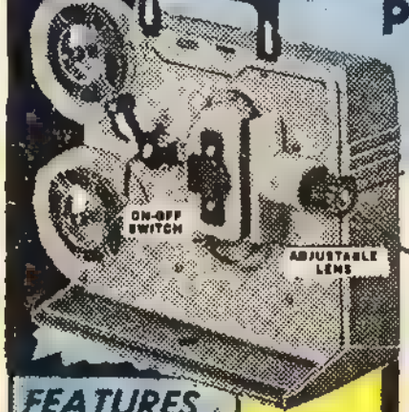

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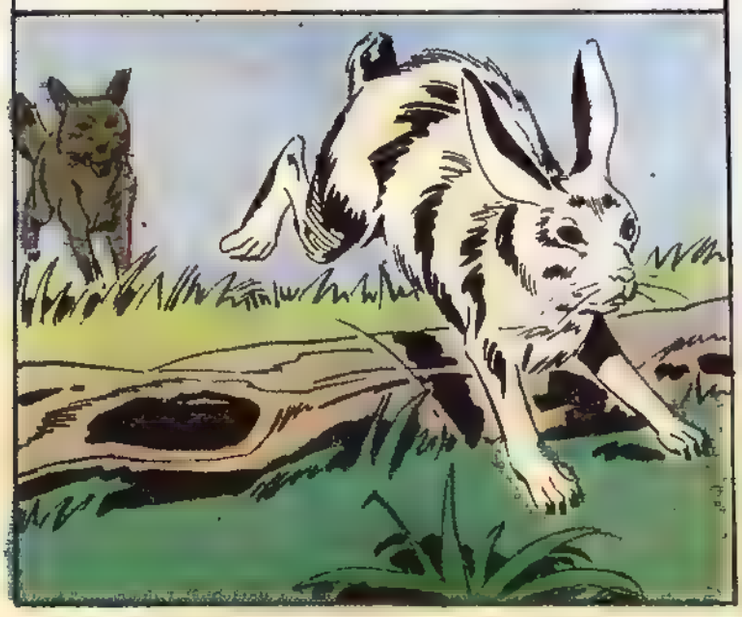

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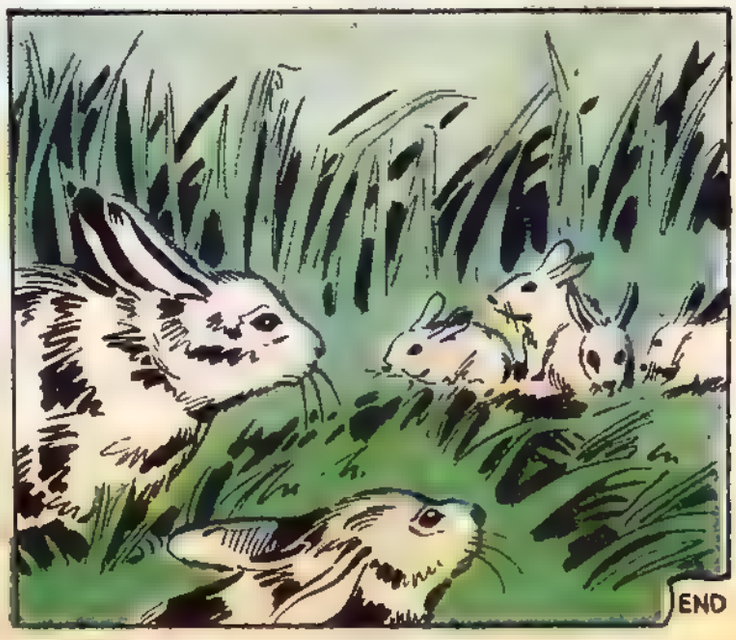

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ARF!
ARF!*
Hello—
I'm having a ball doing—my thing—! Hope you are, too! I'll be seeing you in the next issue of my mother's comic book!
The best to you always—
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HELLO FROM ME, TOO!
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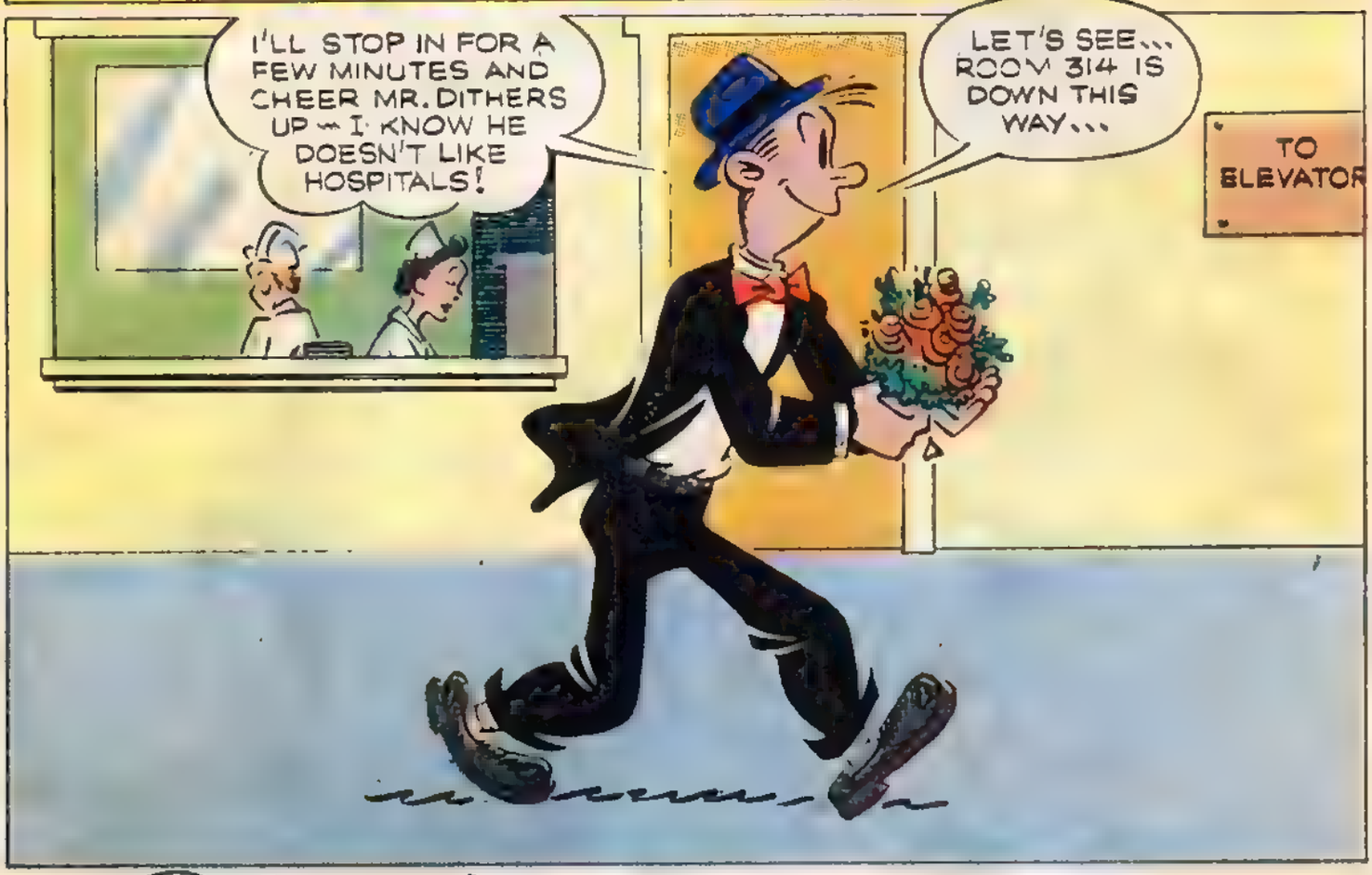
BLONDIE — HE JUST LOOKS THAT WAY!


I'LL STOP IN FOR A FEW MINUTES AND CHEER MR. DITHERS UP ~ I KNOW HE DOESN'T LIKE HOSPITALS!
LET'S SEE... ROOM 314 IS DOWN THIS WAY...
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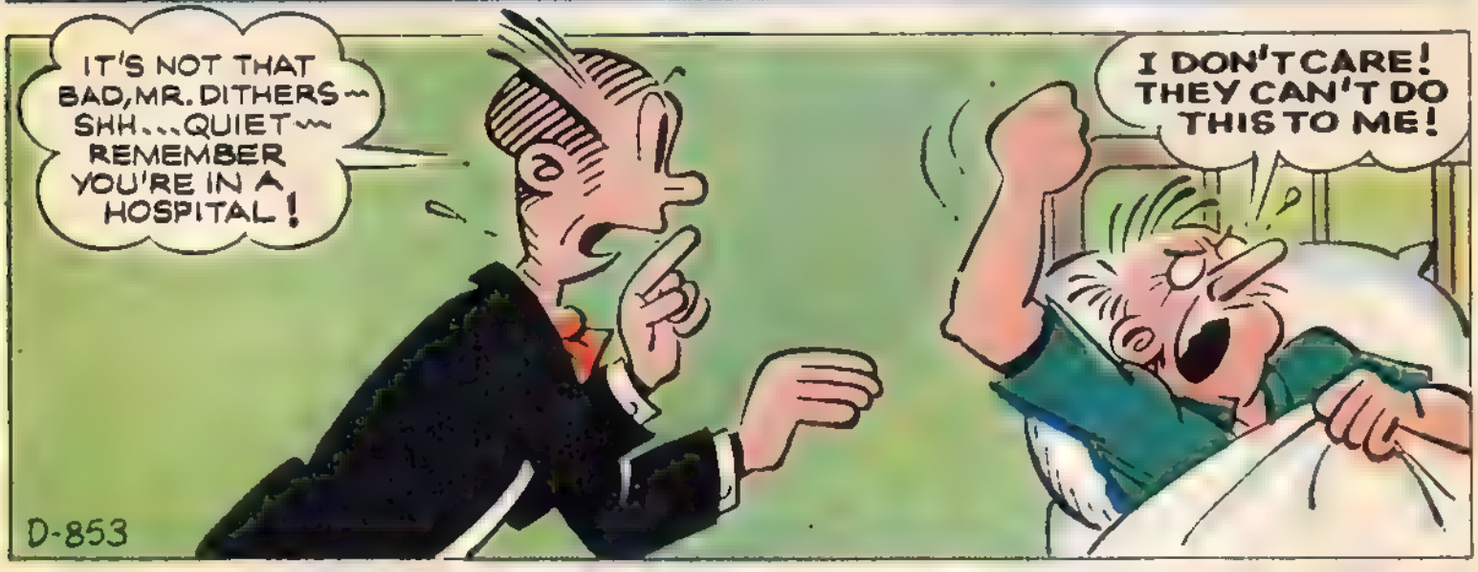

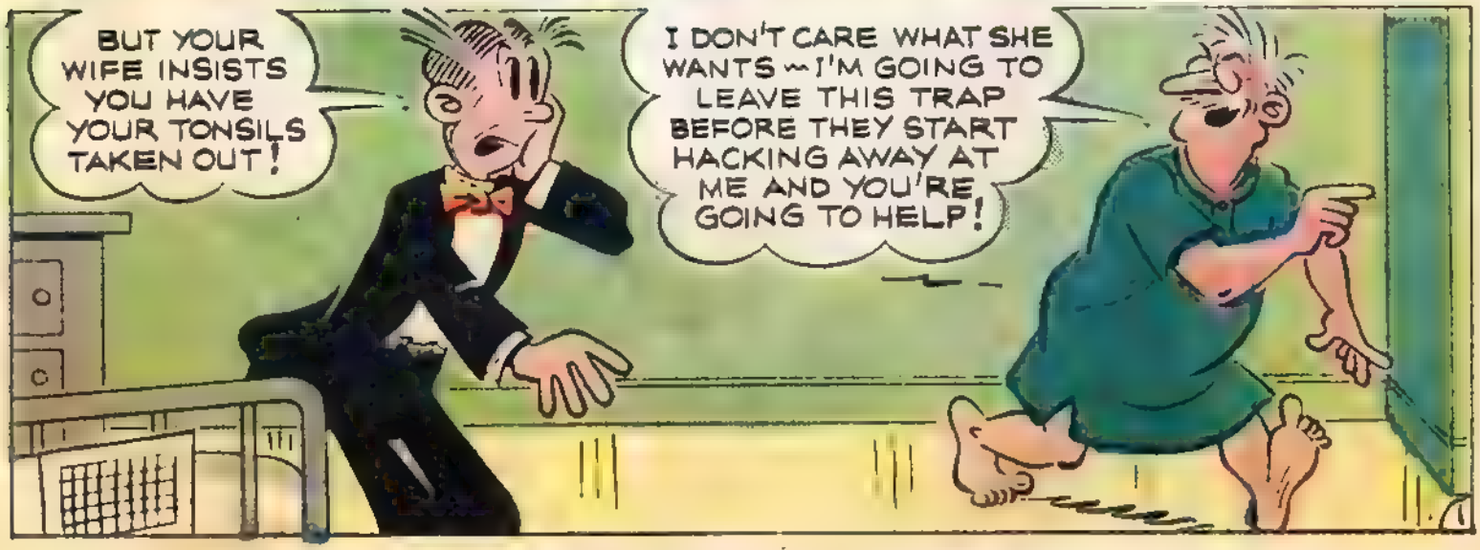
BUT YOUR WIFE INSISTS YOU HAVE YOUR TONSILS TAKEN OUT!
I DON'T CARE WHAT SHE WANTS ~ I'M GOING TO LEAVE THIS TRAP BEFORE THEY START HACKING AWAY AT ME AND YOU'RE GOING TO HELP!

I'LL DUCK OUT BY THE SIDE DOOR — YOU PACK MY BAG AND MEET ME AROUND THE CORNER!
YOU'RE THE BOSS, BUT SOMETHING TELLS ME THIS ISN'T GOING TO WORK!
WELL THAT WAS EASY — I'M SAFE NOW — I MADE IT WITHOUT ANYONE NOTICING ME!
THE PATIENT IN ROOM 314 HAS THREATENED TO RUN OUT ON US!
HE DID, DID HE! I'LL TAKE CARE OF THAT!
ALL PACKED — NOW TO MEET MR... OH, NO!
GET BACK INTO YOUR NIGHT-GOWN!
YOU'RE NOT GOING ANY-WHERE TODAY!
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NURSE, I'M READY TO PERFORM THE TONSILLECTOMY!
YES, DOCTOR~ I'LL BRING DOWN THE PATIENT!
QUIET!
THIS GUY IS MAKING A BIG FUSS OVER A LITTLE SNIP JOB!
BRING HIM IN HERE FOR AN X-RAY FIRST!
OKAY~NOW INTO THE OPERATING ROOM!
PIPE DOWN!
WE SHOULD HAVE A STRAITJACKET ON HIM!

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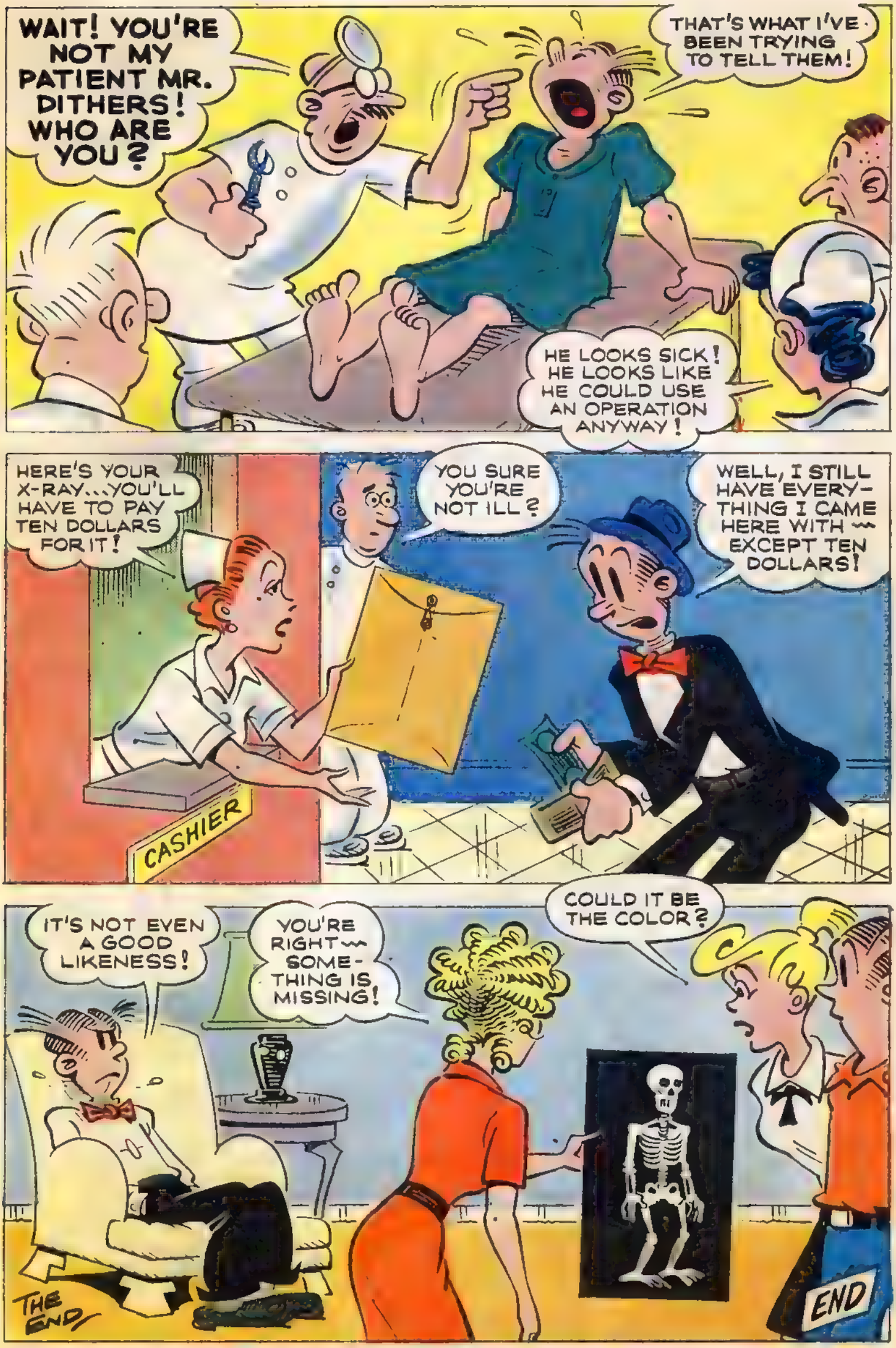
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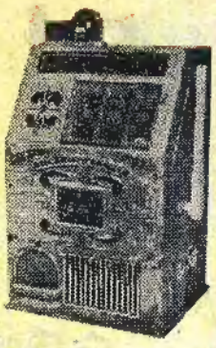

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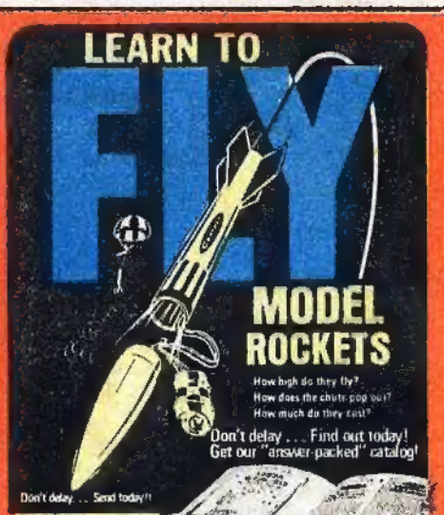

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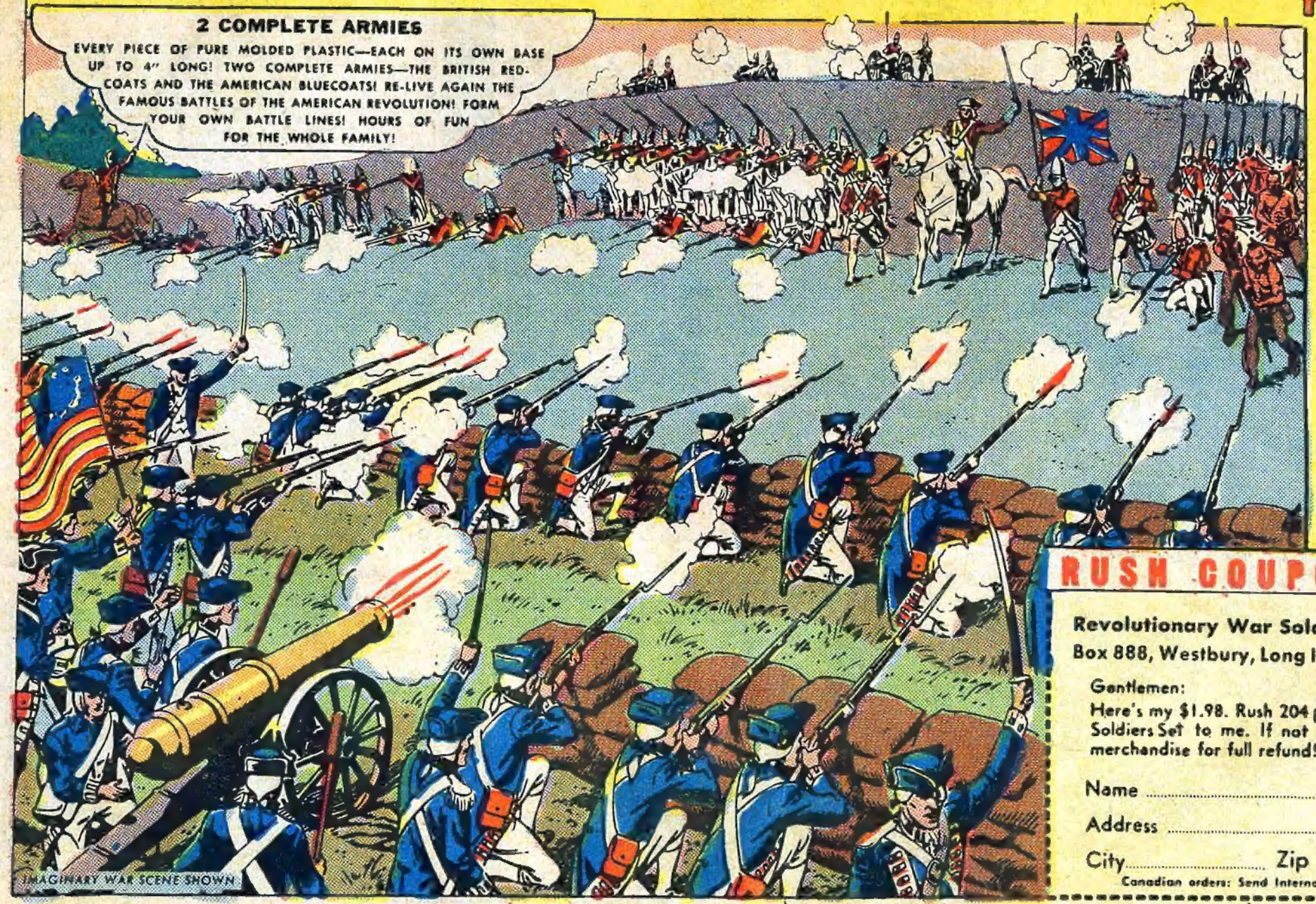

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